

RESOLUTION APPROVING MAKING AN APPLICATION
TO THE I-JOBS DISASTER PREVENTION PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Stanton Iowa:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Stanton, Iowa, is proposing a new
Viking Center Community Building, and

WHEREAS, there is a grant available for cities, and

WHEREAS, the City of Stanton desires to make application for the I-Jobs Disaster
Prevention Program, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Stanton authorizes the Mayor and City
Clerk to execute the necessary documents regarding the application, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Stanton, Iowa
proceed to make application to the I-Jobs Disaster Prevention Program.

Robert Schenck moved Ty Sederburg seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Robert Schenck, Ty Sederburg
Harold Clark, Michael Lawson

Nays: None

Resolution approved this 12th day of July, 2008.

Kirk Regent
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Marilyn Paul
CITY CLERK



STANTON FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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Dedicated to Providing Professional Volunteer Emergency Services to the Stanton Community

Eric C. Kutzli
FF2 - INST1 - EMT-B
Chief

July 20, 2010

Brian Bates
FF2 - FR-D
Assistant Chief

As emergency services provider in the Stanton community, we support any effort to provide a safer environment for Stanton community residents. An emergency shelter built to FEMA 361 requirements would be an asset to the emergency preparedness plans of the community.

Brayton Allen
FF2 - EMT-B
Fire Captain

We live in an area that is prone to weather related emergencies. We have largely escaped major damage or injuries within the city limits of Stanton in the recent past, but relying on luck is not a valid emergency plan and does not adequately protect our citizens. Our department has worked hard to enhance the safety of the public in many ways, severe weather preparedness is an important part of that effort.

John Hanson
FF-1 - EMT-B
EMS Captain

Mark Allen
FF2 - FR-D
Treasurer

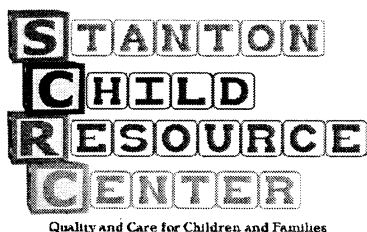
We thank you for your interest and support of our efforts in Stanton. The severe weather shelter at the Viking Center will be an important part of our emergency preparedness.

Cheryl Case
EMT-B
Secretary



Eric C. Kutzli - Chief

Stanton Fire and Rescue Department



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27 July 2010

Joseph L. Jones II
Director of Governmental Affairs
Iowa Finance Authority
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Dear Mr. Jones,

My name is Katie Hart, and I am the Director of the Stanton Child Resource Center. Our organization is a non-profit child care center in Stanton, Iowa serving children ages 6 weeks-12 years in our community and many surrounding communities as well. I am writing this support letter on behalf of Stanton Friends, who are applying for an I-Jobs Disaster Prevention Grant from your organization. The Stanton Friends are currently working on a new facility called the Viking Center, which will house a preschool, community library, and wellness center.

The Viking Center will be constructed as a safe facility using smart building principles and disaster prevention measures. The center will be located in city limits, well within walking distance from many places in town. The center will also be directly next to the school, even sharing the existing parking lot. The inclusion of a storm shelter in this facility will help to keep our residents and students safe. The shelter will provide protection from tornados, high winds, thunderstorms, lightning, and large hail. The Viking Center will also apply "green technology" principles when constructing the facility.

The Viking Center will be a wonderful addition to our community, for citizens of all ages. Thanks you for your consideration of a grant to the Stanton Friends organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie Hart".

Katie Hart
Director

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STANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Empowering All Students to Succeed

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July 27, 2010

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Dear Joseph L. Jones II,

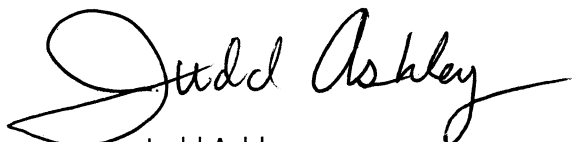
This letter is in support of the Stanton Friends Committee who are applying for the I-JOBS Disaster Prevention Grant.

They intend to build a Wellness Center which will house a city library, pre-school, gym and tornado safe rooms. This facility will help meet the needs of not only Stanton residents but the residents of Montgomery County.

To my knowledge, the local residents have raised/pledged over \$700,000 to this project. As the school Superintendent here in Stanton for the past 23 years, I strongly recommend your consideration of the grant approval. My opinion is solely based on the needs of our community and surrounding area during my tenure here.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Judd Ashley

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Good Shepherd Christian Preschool
410 Eastern Avenue
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July 27, 2010

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Dear Mr. Jones:

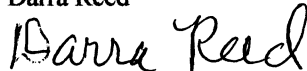
I am writing in support of the I Jobs disaster prevention grant for the Stanton Viking Center. The center will benefit the preschool by providing an updated facility which will meet the state fire codes and will also provide a permanent classroom where the preschool children can enjoy access to the library, the fitness center, the elementary lunch program, and the playground. The children will be able to save their block and Lego structures and craft projects and their dramatic play creations to be expanded and enjoyed from day to day and week to week. In the present location the children must put their materials away every day and cannot save structures to be used again. This is important to allow the children to develop skills in persistence and in the development of their representation and symbolic thinking skills.

The proposed mitigation measure will provide an independent and long-range solution to the potential dangers of tornadoes, high winds, thunderstorms, lightning, and large hail. Workers and students within the Viking Center will have access to a safe room/storm shelter, designed and built to near absolute life protection. This will benefit our preschool children also as they will be completely safe from storms and other disasters. Additionally, workers and children will have the added benefits of green technology to enhance the quality of the work and play environment.

The Viking Center will be located on a city infill lot and will be located within a residential area. It will be within a five minute walk to the Stanton Community School, the Green Belt walking trail, and many homes and will create an easily accessible neighborhood with mixed land uses. The center will also make use of the school's existing parking area and will have a 2-story vertical design to preserve open space. Several transportation options will be available to the center including school buses, senior transit, walkers, and bicycles (via the trail). Through the inclusion of the storm shelter, the city will provide a hazard mitigation component to the center to keep residents and users safe. The center is the result of a collaborative effort between citizens, businesses, local utilities, and the city in an effort to meet the city's most pressing needs which are a high-technology public library, a modern preschool facility, a health/wellness center, and a community gathering place. The Viking Center will provide a strong sense of place for residents, while also serving to attract businesses and industries.

Job creation and retention are vital to Montgomery County residents and their communities. This project will create both temporary and permanent jobs; it will generate long-term tax benefits; it will create a strong sense of place for the Stanton Community; and it will create much-needed services for Stanton residents.

Sincerely,
Darra Reed



Good Shepherd Christian Preschool Director

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Dear Mr. Jones-

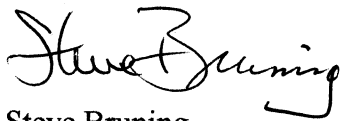
The Stanton Area Industrial Foundation would like to express our appreciation for the opportunity for our community to be considered for financial assistance in our continuing drive to enhance the quality of life for our residents. Stanton has a strong, progressive history when it comes to community, school and church, and the new Viking Center is yet another dream coming to life for our citizens.

As in our Speculative Home venture, in which we were able to build and sell 20 new homes in the past 20 years, community support provides the backbone that allows projects of this magnitude to succeed. Our community saw a need and turned it into a reality.

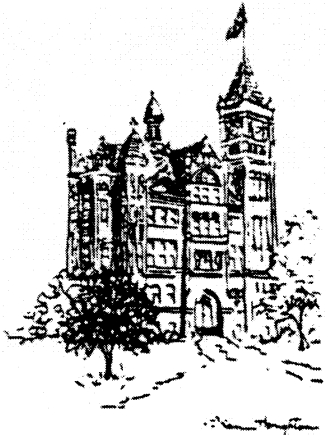
The Viking Center directly addresses several needs for 2010 and beyond. This very accessible, well thought out facility will provide a hi-tech public library, health/wellness center, housing for our preschool and serve as gathering place for family or community events. Enhancing all this is the fact that the building can supply our residents with a storm shelter or temporary recovery facility in the event of a disaster. All this will serve us well in the attracting of new families and businesses to Stanton, both necessary in the effort to create new jobs in our midst.

Again, we appreciate your consideration for the available funding.

Best Regards-



Steve Bruning
Treasurer,
Stanton Area Industrial Foundation



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Joni K. Ernst, Auditor

July 27, 2010

Mr. Joseph L. Jones II
Director of Governmental Affairs
Iowa Finance Authority
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Dear Mr. Jones:

This letter of endorsement is being presented to you to show my support of the Viking Center to be located in Stanton, Iowa. The facility will provide the community with many valuable resources such as a daycare facility, gymnasium, space for the library, and a very much-needed emergency shelter.

Severe weather is prevalent in southwest Iowa; tornadoes and thunder and hail storms pass through in the spring and summer, and ice and snowstorms force residents to seek shelter in the winter. Montgomery County has been subjected to many natural disasters in the past ten years, and a storm shelter for the residents of Stanton is essential.

The facility will be built using smart planning principles. It will be located adjacent to the school, so children will have easy accessibility to before and after-school activities. Because it will be located in a residential facility, others in the community will be able to utilize the library, wellness center, and shelter areas without commuting to a neighboring town.

The Viking Center is a wonderful project and opportunity for the Stanton community. Thank you for your consideration of this project for the I-Jobs Disaster Prevention Grant.

Sincerely,

Joni K. Ernst
Montgomery County Auditor

July 27, 2010

Joseph L. Jones II

Director of Governmental Affairs

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Dear Mr. Jones –

I am writing this letter in strong support of the proposed construction of the Viking Center in Stanton, IA. I am the president of the Stanton Booster Club which is a group whom has supported the athletic programs in our local school for many years. Throughout the years Stanton has been very fortunate to succeed in athletics, which in turn generates more interest with the younger children. As many communities and school systems are losing the youth's interest to participate in sports, Stanton has just the opposite problem; we have more children wanting to participate than we have room for the majority of the time.

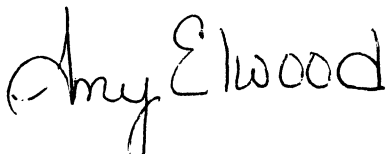
The building of the Viking Center will give our community a place to remain active, even in the winter weather. If our youth are kept occupied in an organized setting such as weight lifting, club volleyball, youth basketball, 4-H clubs, Cub Scouts and etc., they are much less likely to find trouble on their own looking for entertainment.

The Viking Center proposed building will also provide a safe storm shelter for our community as well as guests. The building location is very close to our school, football field and softball diamond, all of which could house a lot of extra people during events. If a storm were to come through Stanton, the Viking Center would provide safe shelter.

Stanton is a community of strong pride in our town, churches, school system and most of all our youth. By obtaining the grants necessary to build the Viking Center, we will be improving our community and the future of Stanton, as well as providing a strong structure for generations to follow.

I appreciate your consideration of extending this grant to the Stanton Friends in their effort to make this dream a reality and a safe facility for all of the residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Elwood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy Elwood

Stanton Booster Club President



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July 23, 2010

Joseph L. Jones II
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Mr. Jones,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed construction of the Stanton Viking Center in Stanton, Iowa. As the Emergency Management Coordinator for the county, I whole heartedly support this project as a way to strengthen our county's efforts to provide the very best in public safety to our citizens, and would appreciate your thoughtful consideration of Stanton's funding request.

Every year we face the possibility of dealing with hazardous weather events in southwest Iowa. These hazards include hail, high winds, tornados, snow and ice events, and flood. Having available storm shelters within the county is an asset that is not just nice to have, but a real need. This need is currently lacking in the Stanton community.

Rural communities strive to provide the best atmosphere in not only raising a family, but sustaining the population in the area. This project would address several areas within the community that are lacking. The inclusion of a community storm shelter in this multi-purpose facility demonstrates a forward looking approach by the community to have adequate protection for the employees of the facility and those in the community that lack adequate storm sheltering.

Sincerely,

Kevin Norris
Coordinator
Montgomery County
Emergency Management Agency

City of Stanton

Stanton Public Library

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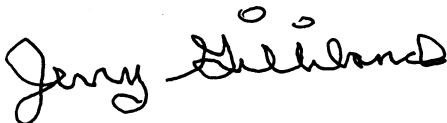
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RE: I-JOBS DIASTER PREVENTION GRANT

The Stanton Public Library is fully committed to completing the Stanton Viking Center project and is committed to doing whatever is needed in completing the storm shelter in the center.

The proposed project will provide a hazard mitigation component to the center to keep residents/users safe. The center will allow collaborative effort between the school and library and help ensure the safety of the children going to and from the library. Additionally, patrons will have the added benefits of green technology to enhance their visit to the library and the center.

This project will create a strong sense of place for the Stanton community and it will create much-needed services for Stanton Residents.



Jerry Gilliland, Librarian
Stanton Public Library